

## **News Release**

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### **Bell, Knox, Laurel and Whitley Counties Eligible for FSA Emergency Loans**

(LEXINGTON, August 19, 2003) --- Jeffery S. Hall, State Executive Director of the Farm Service Agency in Kentucky, today announced that Bell, Knox, Laurel and Whitley Counties are now eligible for Federal disaster assistance, including Farm Service Agency (FSA) emergency loans (EM) for eligible farmers.

On July 25, 2003, President Bush amended a previous Major disaster declaration for damages and losses caused by severe storms, flooding, mud and rock slides, and tornadoes that occurred from May 4, 2003 through May 27, 2003.

FSA will make loans, up to \$500,000 per borrower, at a statutory 3.75 percent interest rate, subject to a test for credit. Applications must be filed with the local FSA County office not later than March 25, 2004 for physical and production losses.

For additional information on any FSA program, contact the local FSA County office or visit the Kentucky FSA web at:  
<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/ky/>.

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